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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3802

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- ☐ 600 ARCH STREET, SUITE 9400
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106
215-597-7200
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412-644-3400
- ☐ ROOM 107, FEDERAL BUILDING
ERIE, PA 16501
814-453-3010
- ☐ ROOM 1159, FEDERAL BUILDING
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- ☐ ROOM 102, POST OFFICE BUILDING
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610-434-1444
- ☐ 310 SPRUCE STREET, SUITE 201
SCRANTON, PA 18503
570-346-2006
- ☐ ROOM 306, 116 S. MAIN STREET
WILKES-BARRE, PA 18701
717-826-6265

Class of 2006

Dear Applicant:

I commend you on your desire to attend a United States Service Academy and wish you every success in the selection competition. The U.S. Service Academies offer qualified young applicants a special opportunity – a top quality college education, a chance to serve this country as a commissioned officer, and unlimited opportunities for satisfying and diversified careers.

A file on your candidacy has already been opened in my Harrisburg office. This application packet includes important nomination instructions for both you and your guidance counselor. Attached, please find a formal application for you to complete, and an applicant data sheet to be completed by your guidance counselor.

As an entrant in the merit selection competition, you will be considered on the basis of your academic performance and your participation in extracurricular and community activities.

IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NOMINATION, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE FOLLOWING CREDENTIALS ARE SUBMITTED TO MY HARRISBURG OFFICE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2001.

 **COMPLETED APPLICANT PACKET SHOULD INCLUDE:** (Please make every effort to submit all material in one mailing.)

To be Completed by the Applicant:

- *Formal application, including the enclosed Activity Sheet
- *Essay

To be Completed by Guidance Counselor:

- *Applicant Data Sheet. Please attach an official high school transcript.
- *SAT scores (copy of original scores or written on official school transcript).
- *One letter of recommendation from your high school guidance counselor, principal, or teacher. (Additional relevant letters of recommendation may also be submitted.)

I WILL BE UNABLE TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2001. A LIST OF OTHER KEY DATES TO REMEMBER IS ENCLOSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR ACCORDINGLY.

There are several stages involved in the merit selection process. Once you have completed the formal application and returned it to my office, your candidate file will be updated to reflect your status as an official candidate for nomination. In order to be considered, you must first submit all of the required materials listed above. When your file is complete, it will be scored and ranked numerically in order to select the finalists.

Applicants who qualify as finalists will be selected on the basis of a numerical ranking as determined by SAT scores, grade point average, class rank, extracurricular activities/ employment and recommendations from either a counselor, principal, or teacher.

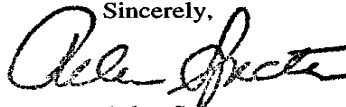
If you are chosen as a finalist, you will be interviewed by a panel in either my Western, Central, or Eastern Pennsylvania district office. You will be notified by mail of the time and place of your interview. **If you do not receive written confirmation of an interview by November 19, 2001 you can assume that you were not selected as a finalist.**

In order to be certain that I receive all of your required credentials, students are asked to send their entire packet to my Harrisburg district office only, Attn: Academy Selection Committee, P.O. Box 1092, Harrisburg, PA 17108. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND APPLICATIONS TO ANY OF MY OTHER OFFICES, AS IT WILL DELAY FORMAL REVIEW OF YOUR CANDIDACY.** Certified mail is recommended, but not required; however, it is your responsibility to make sure that your file is complete. I suggest calling my Harrisburg office at (717) 782-3951 one week after mailing your packet to confirm receipt.

The above instructions are applicable only to those students seeking a nomination to the Air Force, Military, or Naval Academies. Merchant Marine Academy applicants are chosen through a merit selection competition, and are not interviewed. However, all Merchant Marine Academy applicants must submit the required credentials as specified above.

The Senatorial nomination process is very competitive and, unfortunately, there are many more deserving students than there are nominations. Non-selection as my nominee does not necessarily mean you do not meet academy standards, but reflects the high caliber of the candidates who have applied for my limited number of nominations. Again, I commend you on your desire to serve this nation as an officer in the United States Armed Services, and wish you every success in your pursuit of an appointment to a United States Service Academy. If you have any questions regarding the application packet or the selection process, please call my Harrisburg office at (717) 782-3951.

Sincerely,



Arlen Specter

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Time Line:

4 th Week in March, 2001	Applications for students seeking a nomination for class entering July 2001 begin to be sent out.
March – October 15, 2001	Complete application and writing requirement. Secure academic transcript and letters of recommendation.
October 15, 2001	All application materials must be received in my Harrisburg Office: <u>Senator Arlen Specter</u> <u>P.O. Box 1092, Harrisburg, PA 17108</u>
November 14, 15 & 16, 2001	Tentative dates for finalist interviews in either Harrisburg, Philadelphia or Pittsburgh. Letters of notification will advise date, time and location of interview.
Week of December 3, 2001	Offers of nomination made.

Test Dates:

SAT (Score Code – 2826)

May 5, 2001
June 2, 2001
*October 13, 2001
*November 3, 2001
*December 1, 2001

ACT (Score Code – 7175)

April 7, 2001
June 9, 2001
*September 22, 2001
*October 27, 2001
*December 8, 2001

*Students taking tests on these dates are requested to select the expedited scoring option so those scores can be included in your formal application. My Academy Selection Committee will consider all new test scores and other information until final nominations have been made.

ACADEMY CONTACTS:

Begin the application process with the service academies as soon as possible. You must contact the academy of your choice, directly, to begin the application process there.

U.S. Air Force Academy

Director of Admissions
HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025
1-800-443-9266
www.usafa.edu

U.S. Military Academy

Director of Admissions
U.S. Military Academy
606 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-1797
(914)938-4041
www.usma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy

Dean of Admissions
U.S. Naval Academy
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402
(410)293-1000
www.usna.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Admissions Office
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
300 Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
1-800-732-6267
www.usmma.edu

U.S. Coast Guard Academy **No Congressional Nominations*

Director of Admissions
US Coast Guard Academy
31 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320-8103
(860) 444-8500
www.cga.edu

Students are encouraged to apply to both United States Senators and the United States Representative who represents the Congressional District in which they live. **Remember, each Member uses different criteria and deadlines for their nomination process. Be sure to contact YOUR Congressman to get his official application.**

U.S. Senator Rick Santorum
Landmarks Building
One Station Square, Suite 250
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
(412)562-0533

Cong. Robert A. Borski – 3rd
7141 Frankford Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19135
(215)335-3355

Cong. Robert A. Brady – 1st
1907 S. Broad St.
Philadelphia, PA 19148
(215)389-4627

Cong. William J. Coyne – 14th
1000 Liberty Avenue, Room 2009
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
(412)644-2870

Congressman Mike Doyle – 18th
11 Duff Road
Penn Hills, PA 15235
(412)241-6055

Congressman Phil English – 21st
Modern Tool Square
310 French Street, Suite 107
Erie, PA 16507
(814)456-2038

Congressman Chaka Fattah – 2nd
4104 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215)387-6404

Cong. George W. Gekas – 17th
3605 Vartan Way, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17110
(717)541-5507

Cong. James C. Greenwood – 8th
69 East Oakland Avenue
Doylestown, PA 18901
(215) 348-7511

Cong. Melissa Hart – 4th
2525 Rochester Road, Suite #202
Cranberry Township, PA 16066
Phone: (724) 779-1330

Cong. Joseph M. Hoeffel – 13th
1768 Markley Street
Norristown, PA 19401
(610) 272-8400

Congressman Tim Holden – 6th
1421 Longworth House Office
Bldg
Washington, DC 20515
(202)225-5546

Cong. Paul E. Kanjorski – 11th
7 N. Wilkes-Barre Blvd.
Suite 400M
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702
(570)825-2200

Cong. Frank R. Mascara – 20th
625 Lincoln Ave., Suite 210
North Charleroi, PA 15022
(724)483-9016

Cong. John P. Murtha – 12th
Vine and Walnut Streets
Centre Town Mall; P.O. Box 780
Johnstown, PA 15907
(814)535-2642

Cong. John Peterson – 5th
1524 W. College Ave., Suite 208
State College, PA 16801
(814)238-1776

Congressman Joseph R. Pitts – 16th
504 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3816
(202)225-2411

Congressman Todd Platts – 19th
2209 East Market St.
York, PA 17402
(717) 843-8887

Cong. Donald Sherwood – 10th
Scranton Life Building
538 Spruce Street, Suite 514
Scranton, PA 18503
(570)346-3834

Cong. Patrick J. Toomey – 15th
2020 Hamilton Blvd.
Allentown, PA 18104
(610)439-8861

Congressman Curt Weldon – 7th
30 South Valley Road
Paoli, PA 19301
(610)640-9064

9th District – Temporarily Vacant
2188 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515
(202)225-2431

Students can also apply for a nomination from Vice President of the United States. Letters should be sent to:

The Honorable Dick Cheney
Vice President of the United States
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

FORMAL APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION
(To be completed by applicant)

ACADEMY PREFERENCE: _____
(Please list first preference only)

NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

All applicants must be legal Pennsylvania residents. Please list your permanent address below, under "Home of Record." If you are in the Military, or are temporarily residing out of state, please list this address under "Temporary Address."

HOME OF RECORD: _____
(Street, P.O. Box) (City/State/Zip)

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: _____

TEMPORARY ADDRESS: _____
(Street, P.O. Box) (City/State/Zip)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER (including area code): _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____

HIGH SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER (including area code): _____

GRADUATED/WILL GRADUATE: _____

In seeking this nomination, I affirm my intention to make the indicated service my career. I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts are sufficient cause for elimination of my candidacy.

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____
(Applicant)

Please send all forms to:

**Academy Selection Committee
U.S. Senator Arlen Specter
P.O. Box 1092
Harrisburg, PA 17108**

FORMAL APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION

ACTIVITY SHEET

Please indicate under the appropriate heading the extracurricular activities in which you have participated and which you anticipate participating in during high school.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS: (Check all that apply)

Sport	# of years	Captain	MVP	Member	Varsity Letter			

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS: (Check all that apply)

Organization	Number of years	Officer	Member

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS: (Check all that apply)

Organization	Number of years	Officer	Member

HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP: (Check all that apply)

Organization	Number of years	Office Held

Were you employed ten or more hours a week during the school year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, where were you employed? Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Supervisor: _____

Have you attained the rank of Eagle Scout? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you received the Girl Scout Gold Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ESSAY:

Please write a one page (8.5 x 11, typewritten single-spaced) essay on why you want to attend a U.S. Service Academy.

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In which city would it be most convenient for you to be interviewed?

() Philadelphia

() Harrisburg

() Pittsburgh

Who is your United States Representative?_____

Have you applied to your United States Representative for a nomination? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you enclosed a photograph of yourself? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are an applicant to the United States Air Force, Military or Naval Academy and are not selected for a nomination, would you consider a nomination to the United States Merchant Marine Academy? () Yes () No

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REMINDER:

ALL MATERIALS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2001.

**Academy Selection Committee
U.S. Senator Arlen Specter
P.O. Box 1092
Harrisburg, PA 17108**

APPLICANT DATA SHEET FOR SERVICE ACADEMY COMPETITION

Please fill out this form completely, despite the fact that the information may already be on the applicant's transcript. Thank you.

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

NAME OF COUNSELOR: _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____

***The following data must be accompanied by an official transcript**

CUMULATIVE CLASS RANK:

Unweighted: _____
(Rank/Total)

Weighted: _____
(Rank/Total)

CUMULATIVE GPA:

4.0/unweighted scale: _____

Weighted scale: _____

SAT SCORES (please list the scores for each test taken):

DATE

VERBAL

MATH

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

TOTAL _____

COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PLEASE FORWARD TO:

Academy Selection Committee
U.S. Senator Arlen Specter
P.O. Box 1092
Harrisburg, PA 17108

NOTE TO APPLICANT: Please print your name below and provide your guidance counselor with the following letter and the enclosed applicant data sheet.

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

Dear High School Guidance Counselor:

The above named student is seeking a congressional nomination to one of the U.S. Service Academies. The following information outlines the application procedures governing the service academy competition administered by my office.

*If the student desires a nomination to a service academy for the classes beginning in **July, 2002**, it is his/her responsibility to ensure that the following credentials are submitted to my Harrisburg office by **OCTOBER 15, 2001**.

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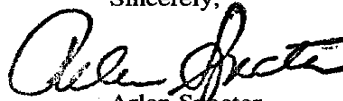
PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED CREDENTIALS IN ONE PACKET.

Please forward all material to:

Academy Selection Committee
U.S. Senator Arlen Specter
P.O. Box 1092
Harrisburg, PA 17108

Thank you for your assistance with this process.

Sincerely,


Arlen Specter

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**APPLICANT DATA SHEET
FOR SERVICE ACADEMY COMPETITION**
(To be completed by guidance counselor)